Long Reaffirms Support of DA In Plot Probe

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U.S. Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La., siding witn District Attorney Jim Garrison, said in a public address that he believes the Warren Commission erred in naming Lee Harvey Oswald as the lone assassin of President John F. Kennedy.

Long reaffirmed his support of the DA's investigation of the probe.

"It seems to me that anyone who would read what Mr. Garrison had to say on the subject—and I've read quite a bit of it—and read how he marshalls his evidence, read the article that appeared in the Saturday Evening Post and some of the others, would just have to conclude that the Warren Report is necessarily in error," Long said.

Long was asked if he has analyzed Garrison's new theory: That the President was struck down with a 45 caliber bullet from a manhole in Dallas. "All I know about it is the very concise newspaper accounts that I read of what Mr. Garrison was supposed to have said recently," he said.

The senator referred to an article published recently by the Post, which concluded that there was more than one assassin in Dallas.

"Personally, I was very much impressed by that article which was parallel to what Mr. Garrison is saying," Long said. "I don't think I see any conflict between what the author of that article said and what Mr. Garrison is saying.

"I think Mr. Garrison is doing his duty and trying to really find out who that other person might have been—or those other persons."